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From: Huetteman, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 10:00 AM
To: Armann, Steve
Subject: Malibu FOIA - FW: MHS: Special cleaning moments before dust and air testing for PCBs?

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From: Huetteman, Tom
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 10:46 AM
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Subject: Fwd: MHS: Special cleaning moments before dust and air testing for PCBs?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jen@mu" <jen@malibuunites.com>
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Subject: MHS: Special cleaning moments before dust and air testing for PCBs?

Dear Steve:

I received the email below that was sent to the school informing the teachers to remove everything off their desks so that a special cleaning can be done. Were you aware that this cleaning was going to occur moments before the samples were taken?

This is being done days before dust and air testing which will bias results as the results will not show what students and staff are regularly being exposed to. The air and dust testing is being done as part of a makeshift study by environ to see whether not best management practices (which does not include special cleaning) is effective in reducing PCBs from Air and dust. I say makeshift, because there is no plan in place to ensure that regular operating procedures of best management practices are being conducted and testing is random and being biased by special cleaning. The goal of air testing is not to figure out ways to game the system, but to identify if

rooms have PCB sources and then to identify them if PCBs are found (at least that is what the EPA website says).

Why hasn't the public seen a plan for testing this winter break? If this testing plan is legitimate then why hasn't been vetted by other scientific experts and been seen by all the stakeholders? What is the EPA and environ doing behind closed doors? If testing is happening on Friday, then there should be a plan with specific rooms that are being tested and the stakeholders should have a copy of this, but you say you don't know what rooms Environ is testing. Environ in no way should be able to test randomly as they go along. There are scientific guideline required for testing and for a pilot study. This plan must be vetted by other scientists to ensure it is scientifically valid. Environ can not be validating their own work. There are too many unknowns to make what Environ has done a pilot study: which rooms were tested each round? do they have PCB sources to start with? Has BMP cleaning been done constantly? Have the specialty cleaners come in? Where the rooms shut tight for 24-48 hours prior to testing occurring? Is outside air being introduced during testing? And so many other unknowns...

Why is environ working in a vacuum with only contact to the EPA and why is the EPA allowing this when you all promised transparently and community involvement?

I left you a voicemail on Monday, please call me by close of business Thursday, before testing begins and school lets out for the holidays.

Respectfully,

Jennifer deNicola

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From: Harry, Elisa
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 2:01 PM
To: Ford, Nedra
Cc: Venable, Terance; Suaste, Eduardo; Frazier, Jeffrey; Jackson, David
Subject: Cleaning Crew for Malibu High

Hello Nedra!

I hope you are staying dry in this rain! I just wanted to inform you that we will have a special crew helping wipe down the school starting today, [Tuesday, December 16th through Friday, December 19th](#). Please inform your teachers and staff to have their flat surfaces cleared so that the work can be performed.

Sincerely,

Elisa Harry

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